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Examiner: Arthur A. SMITH

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For : LENS DRIVE CONTROL APPARATUS FOR ZOOM LENS SYSTEM
HAVING A SWITCHING LENS GROUP

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
PO Box 1450
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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, § 1.97-1.98 and Supplemental to the Information Disclosure Statements filed in the instant application on March 8, 2002 and May 1, 2003, Applicant hereby calls the following documents to the Examiner's attention:

- (1) U.S. Patent No. 6,512,638 to SATO et al., issued on January 28, 2003;
- (2) U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0036836 to HAGIMORI, published on March 28, 2002;
- (3) U.S. Patent No. 4,227,792 to RENTSCHLER, issued on October 14, 1980;
- (4) U.S. Patent No. 6,089,760 to TERADA, issued on July 18, 2000;
- (5) U.S. Patent No. 5,892,998 to KODAIRA et al., issued on April 6, 1999;
- (6) U.S. Patent No. 6,125,237 to PARK, issued on September 26, 2000;
- (7) U.S. Patent No. 4,426,145 to HASHIMOTO, issued on January 17, 1984;
- (8) U.S. Patent No. 4,839,680 to AMADA et al., issued on June 13, 1989;

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(9) U.S. Patent 4,922,274 to YAMAMOTO et al., issued on May 1, 1990;

(10) U.S. Patent No. 6,176,627 to SUH, issued on January 23, 2001.

The above-mentioned documents were cited by the Examiner in related co-pending, commonly assigned patent application nos. 09/960,382 (i.e., documents (1) and (2)); 10/101,150 (i.e., documents (3) and (4)); 10/101,062 (i.e., documents (5) and (6)); and 10/101,149 (i.e., documents (7)-(10)), which are one of 21 related applications and are being submitted in accordance with a discussion with (SPE) Ms. Georgia Epps, on April 9, 2003, in order to disclose all documents which were cited by the Examiners in the 12 related co-pending, commonly assigned U.S. Patent Applications filed on the same day (September 24, 2001), which were cross referenced in the Information Disclosure Statement filed in the instant application on March 8, 2002, and the remaining related co-pending, commonly assigned U.S. Patent Applications which were cited in the Information Disclosure Statement filed in the instant application on May 1, 2003. Thus, Applicant presumes that the Examiner has considered the above-noted documents during his review of the file of related Application Nos. 09/960,382; 10/101,150; 10/101,062; and 10/101,149.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the above materials and cite the patent documents. The above-noted documents have been listed on a PTO-1449 Form which is attached hereto. Further, Applicants' previously submitted copies of each of the above-noted documents in a Completion of Record filed in the present application on June 16, 2003, which the Examiner acknowledged receipt of in the Office Communication dated August 15, 2003. Thus, copies of the above-noted documents are not necessary and are not being provided. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached PTO-1449 Form and to

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return a copy of the Form to the Applicant with the next official communication in the present application to confirm consideration of these documents.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

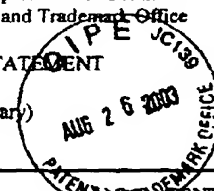
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